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SUBJECT: OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE: USDEL GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENT: DBS

1. FOLLOWING DBS RELATED EXCERPTS FROM SPEECH BY
CHIEF OF US DEL TO OSC JUNE 21:

QUOTE: THE ISSUES FACED BY THE LEGAT SUBCOMMITTEE
ARE AMONG THE MORE SENSITIVE AND MORE COMPLEX NOW BEFORE
ANY UNITED NATIONS BODY; A REVIEW OF THE GROUND RULES
FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES
FROM CELESTIAL BODIES; THE QUESTION OF FREE FLOW OF
DIRECT TELEVISION BROADCASTS BY SATELLITE WITHOUT REGARD
TO NATIONAL FRONTIERS IN A LEGAL REGIME COMPATIBLE
WITH THE DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS; REVIEW OF THE
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF REMOTE SENSING FROM SPACE, WITH
PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE HANDLING AND AVAILABILITY
OF DATA; AND AN EXAMINATION OF VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE
QUESTION WHETHER A DEFINITION OR DELIMITATION OF OUTER
SPACE NEEDS TO BE DEVELOPED, AND, IF SO, ON WHAT BASIS.

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QUOTE: FUNDAMENTAL TO MOST OF THESE QUESTIONS IS
THE ISSUE OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. SHALL WE ASSERT IT
STRONGLY TO LIMIT ACCESS TO INFORMATION? OR, IN THE
SPIRIT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WHICH IS THE BASIS
FOR ALL OF OUR EFFORTS, SHALL WE ESTABLISH NORMS WHICH
ENCOURAGE FREE DISSEMINATION? WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THE
NEED FOR CAREFUL INTEGRATION OF LEGAL, TECHNICAL, EC

ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND SCIENTIFIC CONSIDERATIONS SUCH AS THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO ACCOMPLISH, WE HAVE A STRONG BIAS AGAINST THE ASSERTION OF NATIONAL LIMITATIONS ON INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM OF CHOICE.

QUOTE: WITH REGARD TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE'S WORK THIS YEAR, ITS REPORT REFLECTS CONTINUING, CONSTRUCTIVE ATTEMPTS TO RESOLVE THE QUESTIONS THE SUBCOMMITTEE WAS ASKED TO ADDRESS. THE FACT THAT THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE HAS NOT THIS YEAR CONCLUDED CONSIDERATION OF ANY OF THE ITEMS ON ITS AGENDA IS, IN OUR VIEW, A FUNCTION OF THE COMPLEXITY OF THE ISSUES RATHER THAN ANY RETICENCE OR INABILITY TO DEAL WITH THEM. THE TIME AND EFFORT NEEDED TO BUILD A GENUINE CONSENSUS IN ANY ONE OF THESE DIFFICULT AREAS IS CONSIDERABLE, AND YET UNQUESTIONABLY WORTHWHILE. THIS COMMITTEE CAN BE PROUD OF THE INTEGRITY, FARSIGHTEDNESS, AND RESPECT AMONG NATIONS FOR THE BODY OF LAW WHICH IT HAD DEVELOPED RELATING TO MAN'S ACTIVITIES IN OUTER SPACE. THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THAT LAW IS PRINCIPALLY DUE TO THE GENUINE, BROAD COMMITMENT OF NATIONS TO RESPECT IT, AND THAT COMMITMENT IS GENERATED BY THE PRACTICE OF CONSENSUS IN ITS DEVELOPMENT IN THIS COMMITTEE AND ITS SUBCOMMITTEES.

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QUOTE: WITH REGARD TO THE FUTURE WORK OF THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE, WE BELIEVE THAT THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE SHOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONTINUE TO DEAL, USING THE SAME RELATIVE PRIORITIES AS AT ITS SIXTEENTH SESSION, WITH SUCH OF ITS ISSUES AS MAY REMAIN UNRESOLVED AFTER OUR EFFORTS AT THIS SESSION. UNQUOTE.

2. REMINDER OF SPEECH (TEXT SENT OPPEL, IO/UNP) DEVOTED TO
(1) EXPLANATION OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SPACE PROGRAM ACCENTING INVOLVEMENT FOREIGN COUNTRIES; (2) DESCRIPTION OF U.S. POSITIONS WITH RESPECT TO (A) DEFINITION OF TERMS "DATA" AND "INFORMATION"; (B) CLASSIFYING DATA INTO CATEGORIES; (C) MONITORING ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION; AND (D) THE QUESTION OF UN CONFERENCE ON OUTER SPACE. MEEHAN

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